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National Intelligence Officers

10 December 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier General William E. Odom, USA
Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence

FROM :
Assistant NIO for East Asia

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SUBJECT : Your 30 November 1981 Recommendation for a
SNIE on the Philippines

1. I share your concern that the situation in the Philippines continues to receive close scrutiny by the Intelligence Community in light of our significant interests in that country.

2. Since the completion of the 27 March 1980 National Intelligence Estimate, "The Philippines: A Difficult Road Ahead," there has been considerable reflection of this attention in the products of the Intelligence Community. Please see lists attached from State and CIA; I assume DIA production is already known to you.

3. Examination of this output suggests that even though the last NIE on the Philippines is almost two years old, the assessments therein remain valid and the current domestic political/economic situation does not appear to be changing at a pace that would now merit a SNIE.

4. The analytic effort needed to produce a SNIE is being used to conduct research on the major factors affecting Philippine stability. This is a "building block" approach as the attached lists of papers published this year and those scheduled for 1982 show. This will provide the Community with a more substantial and accurate foundation on which to build future assessments.

5. Most scheduled papers on the Philippines should be completed by mid-1982 and the country will have held its local elections. An estimate done after mid-year would probably be more useful to policymakers because it would precede a visit to the US by President Marcos, tentatively scheduled for the fall.

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6. The next Intelligence Community meeting on the Philippines will be on 21 December with Ambassador-designate Michael Armacost.

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INR production since March 1980 regarding the Philippines
which have been available to the intelligence community
1980 - 1981

Secretary's Morning Summary Items (Back of book items)
1981:

- 12/3 - Philippines: Political Alternatives May Narrow
- 9/6 - Philippines: Communist Insurgency Growing
- 8/5 - Philippines: Marcos and the "New Republic"
- 6/14 - Philippines: Marcos Election Victory Assured but
Opposition Makes Gains
- 5/22 - Philippines: Marcos to Face Token Opposition in
Presidential Election
- 4/15 - Philippines: Martial Law and the Economy
- 4/6 - Philippines: Plebiscite for Constitutional Amendments
Generates Little Interest
- 4/1 - Philippines: External Support to the Muslim Rebels
- 2/17 - Philippines: Pope's Visit Highlights Church-State
Tensions
- 2/11 - Philippines: Marcos Seeks Reelection as President
- 1/22 - Philippines: Post Martial Law

- 1980:**
- 12/20 - Philippines: Moves Toward Normalization
 - 9/23 - Philippines: Arabs Push for GOP/MNLF Peace Talks
 - 11/1 - Philippines: Economic Problems Remain Serious
 - 10/25 - Philippines: Marcos, Aquino Play Political Poker
 - 10/3 - Philippines: Marcos - Power Before Accommodation
 - 9/16 - Philippines: More Bombings; Aquino Accused
 - 10/24 - Philippines: Bombings Goad Marcos into Retaliation
 - 9/4 - Philippines: Moderate Opposition Demands End to
Martial Law
 - 8/29 - Philippines: After Marcos' Death?
 - 8/6 - Philippines: American and 19 Filipinos Accused of
Plotting Marcos' Assassination
 - 6/22 - Philippines: Limited Political Role for Aquino
 - 6/1 - Philippines: Slow Development Pace

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(Philippines, Back/Book items, continued)

- 1980: 2/5 - Philippines: Local Elections--Some Discordant Notes
1/19 - Philippines: Elections and Political "Normalization"

Intelligence Reports

- 1/23/81 - Philippines: Domestic Turmoil Will Exacerbate Relations with the United States
12/30/80 - Soviet-Philippines Relations Since 1976
7/21/80 - The Philippine Opposition and the Prospect for Violence
6/4/80 - Strains in Philippine--Malaysian Relations
3/27/80 - Politics and the Philippine Military
- New People's Army (being drafted - to be finished in December '81 or January '82)

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